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## In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A thermal Thermal spraying method and device that includes a means device (1,2) for generating which generates a flame and a means device (3) for injecting which injects a powder into the flame. The flame-generating means device (1,2) includes an end piece (1) out of which the flame is directed towards a substrate subjected to spraying. The powder-injection means device (3) includes a frame element (6) that is adapted to be attached to the end piece (1) and to project in the flame ejection direction from the end piece (1). The frame element (6) has a plurality of through-holes (9) extending through it and distributed circumferentially about the frame element (6) as well as at least two powder injection ports distributed about the frame element (6).